in the interest of the people at large and arrange an early tripartite meeting to safeguard the interests of workers and industrial peace in general.

(d) The allegations made in the memorandum do not *prima-facie* relate to contravention of the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 and MRTP Act, 1969. As regards the alleged refusal of management to negotiate on the charter of demands submitted by the employees, the matter has been brought to the notice of the State Government of Gujarat who are the appropriate authority under the Industrial Disputes Act 1947 to deal with it.

(e) Sarabhai group of companies are making a number of important drugs like antibiotics, sulpha drugs, Cardio Vascular, Anti-inflamatory, Analgesic, Anaesthetic, Vitamins, etc. There are other companies also manufacturing these drugs.

Irregularities in the formation of Telecommunication Advisory Committee

3183. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a memorandum dated the 4th May, 1988 was received by Government from Bankura Chamber of Commerce and Industry alleging irregularities in the formation of Telecommunication Advisory Committee for West Bengal Circle; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the allegations and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Bankura Chamber of Commerce and Industry had represented that they had not been duly represented on the West Bengal Telecommunication Advisory Committee.

While reconstituting West Bengal Telecommunication Advisory Committee, recommendations received from various Chambers of Commerce (including Bankura Chamber of Commerce and Industry) and Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industry were considered alongwith those of others.

It has not been possible to nominate their representative in the West Bengal Telecommunication Advisory Committee due to limited number of seats.

Sorting out of problems of P&T employees through JCM

3184. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the issues relating to common problems of Postal and Telecommunication employees which are pending with the Joint Consultative Machinery (Departmental Council);

(b) the details of items on which agreement was arrived at;

(c) the details of items on which agreement could not be arrived at and referred for arbitration;

(d) the details of issues which have been decided by Arbitration Board; and

(e) the details of issues decided by Arbitration Board and accepted/not implemented by the P&T Department ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (e) The erstwhile P&T Department was bifurcated into two Departments namely Department of Posts and Department of Telecom in 1985. Consequently the erstwhile P&T Departmental Council was bifurcated. After bifurcation no common problems are being considered by either of the Councils. Each Council is considering separate problems pertaining to individual Departments. As such the question of common problems pending in the JCM does not arise.